

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

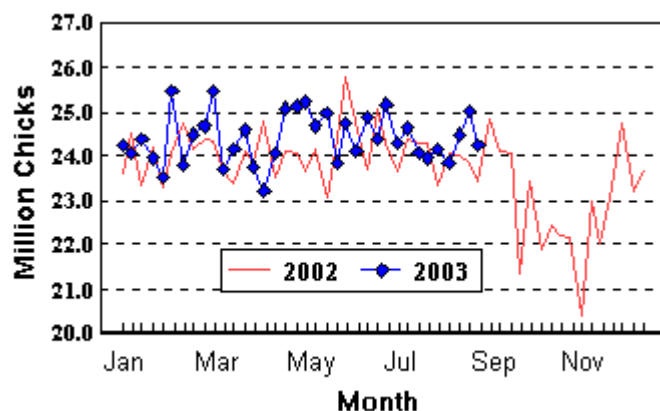
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.3 million during the week ending September 6, 2003. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2002, but down 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 6, 2003 were 878.7 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.2 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

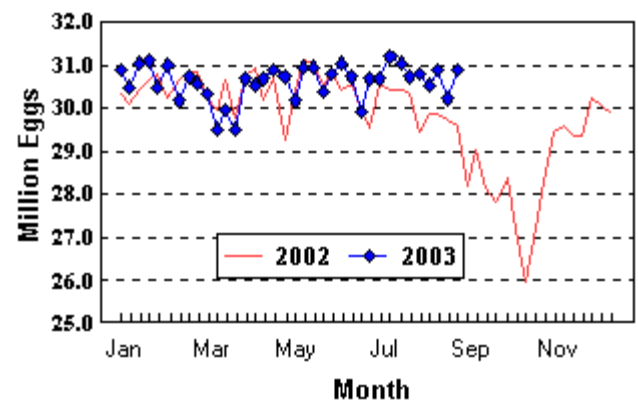
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 6, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, and up 2 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 2	24,298	23,944	99	25,242	25,150	100	30,322	30,749	101
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103	25,045	25,555	102	29,454	30,785	105
Aug. 16	24,059	23,866	99	25,003	25,442	102	29,877	30,529	102
Aug. 23	23,997	24,485	102	24,832	25,399	102	29,869	30,884	103
Aug. 30	23,880	25,015	105	24,211	25,387	105	29,734	30,223	102
Sep. 6	23,428	24,254	104	24,472	25,164	103	29,592	30,875	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep		02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	
Alabama	29,323	29,056	28,711	29,218	101	21,554	21,919	21,844	22,084	21,812	22,009	101
ARKANSAS	30,529	30,884	30,223 *	30,875	104	23,944 *	24,152	23,866	24,485	25,015 *	24,254	104
Delaware	3,948	4,057	3,837	3,792	109	5,144	4,726	5,024 *	4,733	5,302 *	5,213	97
Florida	1,354	1,354	1,353	1,327	61	1,587	1,616	1,654	1,727	1,722 *	1,777	80
Georgia	32,225 *	32,277	32,501 *	30,946	97	25,548	26,285	26,217	25,316	26,156 *	25,395	101
Kentucky	6,736	6,715	6,779	6,325	101	5,733	5,863	6,107	6,072	5,810 *	5,788	104
Maryland	9,249	9,274	9,293	8,869	99	5,985	6,568	6,344 *	6,539	5,718 *	5,287	84
Mississippi	19,187	18,882	18,327	18,686	102	16,534	16,433	16,292	16,415	16,247 *	16,396	103
N. Carolina	17,274 *	17,570	17,004	16,305	93	13,084	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924	14,098	96
Oklahoma	5,979	6,061	6,349	6,338	95	4,501	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297	4,346	92
Pennsylvania	3,607	3,697 *	3,603 *	3,674	99	2,822	2,919	2,824	2,729 *	2,701 *	2,698	97
S. Carolina	4,535	4,375	4,635	4,681	95	4,460	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009	4,203	110
Texas	14,412 *	14,479	14,508	14,647	96	12,131	12,310 *	12,222 *	11,961 *	11,959 *	11,891	104
Virginia	6,432	6,411	6,333	6,266	99	5,138	5,146	5,108	5,190	5,071 *	5,932	129
CA,LA,MO,IN,WV	20,346 *	20,754	19,617 *	18,503	95	18,812	18,867 *	17,944 *	18,602 *	18,727 *	18,334	95
Total 2003	205,136 *	205,846 *	203,073 *	200,452		166,977 *	169,647 *	169,064 *	168,608 *	168,470 *	167,621	
Total 2002	206,097	204,776	204,042	203,517		169,884	168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470	167,094	
%Prev. Year	100	101	100	98		98	101	100	100	101	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 200 million eggs during the week ending September 6, 2003. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 6, 2003. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 6, 2003 were 6.05 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.